

III. *A short Account of some Specimens of native Lead found in a Mine of Monmouthshire: In a Letter from Michael Morris, M. D. F. R. S. to M. Maty, M. D. Sec. R. S.*

Fludyer's-Street, Westminster, Nov. 5, 1772.

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Read Nov. 19,  
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**A**BOUT the middle of last July, I received three specimens of lead-ore from Valentine Morris, Esq; of Piercefield, in Monmouthshire. They were dug up in one of his fields, on making some drains, at no considerable depth; they were marked N<sup>o</sup> 1, 2, 3. On reducing to powder an ounce and a half of the ore, marked N<sup>o</sup> 3, in order to assay it, I perceived that several small bits were flatted by the pestle, which, on a farther examination, proved to be native lead. Though the bits of lead are inconsiderable, yet, as they are the first that have been publicly seen in England, or, that I know of, in Europe, some of the best and latest writers on mineralogy declaring that they have not met with any, I thought it my duty to acquaint the Royal Society with the fact, that the first  
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account of native lead may appear in the Philosophical Transactions, as well as the first account of native tin.

N. B. In more than 300 assays of lead ore, I have met with nothing of the kind before.

I am,

Yours. &c.

M. Morris.